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WE APPRECIATE EFFORTS OF EMBASSY GABORONE TO ALLAY MOGWE'S MISAPPREHENSIONS ABOUT OUR STATUS HERE BE WE BELIEVE EXPLANATION OF US POSITION IN KOREA CAN BE DONE MORE APPROPRIATELY BY OUR REPRESENTATION IN BOTSWANA AND FEEL THAT KOREANS ARE IN BETTER POSITION THAN WE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT US PRESENCE IN ROK IS AT KOREAN DESIRE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT ANY EFFORT ON OUR PART TO BECOME INVOLVED IN BILATERAL DEALINGS BETWEEN ROK AND BOTSWANA MIGHT BE REGARDED AS INTRUSIVE AND COULD BE READ BY MOGWE AS A SIGN OF US CONTROL. SINCE SUBJECT HAS BEEN RAISED, HOWEVER, WE WILL ADVISE ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT, SHOULD MOGWE REQUEST IT, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH HIM AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

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